THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) while the functioning of the radar and the Automatic Terminal Information Service was affected by heavy rains, the defects have since been rectified.

(c) A project for modernisation of the Air Traffic Control at Bombay and Delhi has already been approved.

संसद् सदस्यों की सिफारिश पर रसोई गैस के कनेक्शन

*11. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या पेट्रोलियम और गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 22 जून, 1991 से 15 अगस्त, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान संसद् संसदों की सिफारिश पर जनता को दिये गये रसोई गैस कनेक्शनों की संख्या कितनी है तथा कितने संसद् सदस्यों ने ऐसे कनेक्शनों की सिफारिश की है ; और

(ख) क्या संसद् सदस्यों की सिफारिश पर रसोई गैस के कनेक्शन दिये जाने की प्रथा को बन्द कर दिया गया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) 22 जून, 1991 से 22 अगस्त, 1991 तक राज्य सभा के 189 सदस्यों की सिफारिश पर 1315 एल पी जी कनेक्शन जारी किये गए थे।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Complaints against service and punctuality of Indian Airlines

*12. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any complaints about the service and punctuality of Indian Air-lines; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to improve the present state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The punctuality and passenger service of Indian Airlines are closely monitored. As a result of a number of steps taken, the situation has shown considerable improvement recently.

Oil reserves in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

*13. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether it is a fact that crude oil reserves have been found in Bikaner-Nagaur basin in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to make surveys in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh to find out oil reserves there?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Crude oil has been discovered in the Bhagewala structure of the Bikaner-Nagaur basin in Rajasthan by Oil India Limited. Detailed testing of the well is yet to be undertaken.

(c) Oil is already being produced from various oil fields in Gujarat. Exploration efforts are also continuing in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

Full time Chairman in Airlines

*14 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to the answer to Unstarred question 1042 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot have full time chairmen; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when they are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has a regular Chairman and Managing Director. He has been given the additional charge of Vayudoot also. Air India has an acting Chairman and Managing Diretcor. The appointment of a regular CMD for Air India is receiving the attention of the government.

Exploitation of coal resources in Orissa

*15. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the exploitation of coal resources in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHR P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have accorded a high priority in growth of Talcher and Ib-Valley Coalfields of Orissa. Coal resources in the State of Orissa have been estimated by the Geological Survey of India to be 44304.43 million tonnes as on 1-1-91, out of which 4826.79 million tonnes are the proved resources. Large mechanised Opencast mines have been planned and some are already under construction.

The coal production in the State of Orissa has reached a level of 16.27 million tonnes in 1990-91. This is likely to go upto 26.58 million tonnes by 1994-95 and 81.82 million tonnes by 2000 A.D. Some of the major projects which are planned to be developed for increasing the coal production are:—

Statement

S.No.	Projects	Coalfield	Capacity
1	Ananta O.C.	Talcher	4.0 mty.
2	Kalinga O.C.	Talcher	8.0 mty.
3	Lingraj O.C.	Talcher	5.0 mty.
4	Lakhanpur O.C.	Ib-Valley	5.0 mty.
5	Samleshwari O.C.	Ib-Valley	3.0 mty.

Purchae of Boeing 747 by Air India

*16. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the Air India's order for purchase of four Boeing 747 Combis, if so, what will be the cost and how will it be financed;

(b) what engine has been selected for these aricraft and on what considerations;

(c) from which country the same will be purchased; and